



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS, FIBER AND PRODUCT  
TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001,  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following  
amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please cancel Claim 13.*

*Please add new Claim 21 as follows.*

21. (New) Surface treatment chemicals for forming a polymerization reaction product on the surface of a fiber in which the improvement is characterized in that said surface treatment chemicals comprise chitosan in addition to a reaction product of a water-soluble organic substance selected from the group consisting of at least one of protein, protein derivatives and polysaccharides, having an average molecular weight of 100 to 20,000, a polymerization initiator and a reactive modifier.

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